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Letter dated 17 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter on the recent developments in Afghanistan from His Excellency Dr. Ali-Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to Your Excellency (see annex).

It will be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 17 April 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the following with regard to the recent developments in Afghanistan which is undergoing a most critical stage in its history.

Since the beginning of the long and tragic crisis in this turbulent neighbouring State, the Islamic Republic of Iran, in fulfilment of its humanitarian and Islamic duties, has spared no effort to secure the rights of the oppressed and struggling people of Afghanistan. In this context, Iran has attached great importance to the efforts of the United Nations, has extended its full cooperation to the Organization, and has carried out extensive and fruitful consultations at the highest levels with its pertinent officials. At the present critical stage, the Islamic Republic of Iran stands ready to provide every possible assistance to the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and has dispatched the responsible Director-General of the Foreign Ministry to Islamabad for this purpose.

It is regrettable and indeed a cause for concern, however, that under these difficult circumstances, some groups have declined to respond positively to the Secretary-General's plans and failed to cooperate with his Personal Representative. I should like to reiterate our strong conviction that the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative represent a major factor to guarantee security and stability in the future of currently turbulent Afghanistan. Therefore, we stress the imperative of acting in harmony with the announced plans of the Secretary-General, and reaffirm our continued readiness to sincerely cooperate with the United Nations in order to achieve an acceptable solution to all pertinent parties ensuring their legitimate rights. It is our strong hope that Your Excellency's redoubled efforts would soon bear fruit in attaining the legitimate demands of the Afghan people.

(Signed) Ali-Akbar VELAYATI
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Islamic Republic of Iran

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